FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 3036 - HB 3037

April 16, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015412): Deletes the language "be at least one employee of the Department of Correction in each correctional facility" from subsection (c) of the amendatory language of Section 1 of the original bill and substitutes instead the language "be one officer at each of the four reception centers".

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$779,500

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$205,600

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Correction, the Department would need to hire one additional correctional officer at each of the four reception centers to be responsible for the enforcement of federal immigration laws and transportation of illegal inmates to federal detention centers. Recurring costs include \$98,000 for salaries (\$24,500 x 4) and \$35,584 for benefits (\$8,896 x 4) plus \$27,200 for travel, printing, telephone, supplies and other related operating expenses.
- There are approximately 7,000 inmates released annually from the Department. Based on the percentage of illegal aliens currently in DOC facilities, the Department would be responsible for transporting 70 inmates per year from DOC facilities to federal detention centers. These inmates would be transported an average of 640 miles. DOC has a contract for one-way transportation of inmates at \$1.00 per mile. The annual transportation cost is estimated to be \$44,800 (\$1.00 x 640 mileage x 70 inmates). The total recurring expenditures would be \$205,584 (\$98,000 + \$35,584 + \$27,200 + \$44,800).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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